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FOR JOHN TREVITHICK, IO, AND DON KURTZER, IO/UNP

FROM US DELEGATION UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE

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TAGS: OCON, UN, SENV

SUBJECT: UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE--

RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

1. TEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE COSPONSORED RESOLUTION ON LEAST DEVELOPED. RESOLUTION FORMALLY CIRCULATED NEAR 6:00 P.M. SEPT.8, GIVING LITTLE TIME MANEUVER. EARLIER EFFORT WEOG REACH AGREEMENT ON ALTERNATE TEXT FAILED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME. FOLLOWING IS TEXT RESOLUTION, AND PROPOSED US DEL ACTION.

2.BEGIN TEXT: "FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES-DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, EGYPT, LESOTHO, MOROCCO, NEPAL, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA.

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INT ITS

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RESOLUTION 3337/(XXXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974, DECIDED TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION IN 1977, RECOGNIZING THAT DESERTIFICATION PROCESSES CONSTITUTE AN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN AND SOCIAL PROBLEM, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND PASTURE DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THE FACT THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER

RESOURCES HAS DIRECT BEARING ON EFFORTS TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CONFRONTED WITH SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, ALSO ENCOUNTER THE THREAT OF DESERTIFICATION, EMPHASIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, APPRECIATING THE PREPARATORY WORK DONE BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION, RECALLING RESOLUTION 93 (IV) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, ALSO RECOGNIZING THE FACT THAT THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AT THIS DISPOSAL ARE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES,

1. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO EXTEND, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THEM TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION EFFECTIVELY.
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2. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION." END TEXT.

3. US DEL PLANS TAKE FOLLOWING ACTION UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY OOB SEPTEMBER 9. US DEL WILL:
A. URGE WEOG SEEK INVOKE 24 HOURS RULE, WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT DEFER DISCUSSION UNTIL FINAL HOURS CONFERENCE. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR FURTHER EFFORTS REACH CONSENSUS ALTERNATE TEXT, OR FAILING THAT, POSSIBLE DROPPING OF RESOLUTION FOR LACK OF TIME. ALTERNATE TEXT WOULD SIMPLY URGE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, DONORS, ETC., GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION NEEDS RLDC FOR FINANCIAL/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING PLAN OF ACTION. HOWEVER, WEOG CHAIRMAN HAS DECLARED HIS RELUCTANCE IN TONIGHT'S WEOG MEETING TO INVOKE 24 HOUR RULE.
B. IF UNABLE INVOKE 24 HOUR RULE OR REACH CONSENSUS ALTERNATE TEXT, USDEL PLANS STATE INABILITY JOIN CONSENSUS ON RESOLUTION. USDEL WILL STATE US CONCERN FOR SPECIAL PROBLEMS LEAST DEVELOPED AND CITE US ACTIONS RECENT

YEARS ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY AND IMPROVE TERMS IN US BILATERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR RLDCS. HOWEVER, US UNABLE
SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. SEVERAL PARTS RESOLUTION EXTRANEIOUS TO CONFERENCE
TOUCHING ON MATTERS BEING DEALT WITH IN CONTEXT OTHER BODIES.

2. IN PARTICULAR, CANNOT SUPPORT OPERATIVE PARA 1 BECAUSE
EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH NO REFERENCE PLAN OF
ACTION COMBAT DESERTIFICATION. US POSITION AT RECENT UN WATER
CONFERENCE CLEARLY OPPOSED ESTABLISHING NEW
MECHANISMS FOR FINANCING WATER PROJECTS. THIS PARA
WOULD SEEMINGLY INVITE SUCH ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS
UNRELATED THIS CONFERENCE.
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